



**VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM (VIPP)
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Staffed by: Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
October 7, 2021
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m**

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Aisha Burgess, formerly Baltimore City Health Department
Tara Reed Carlson, University of Maryland Medical Center
Donna Leffew, Life Crisis Center
Kathryn Montgomery, University of Maryland School of Nursing
Lisa Marie Spicknall, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
Matan Zeimer, Member of a Community-Based Organization and Hospital-Based Organization

Guests:

Dr. Alan Reid, Johns Hopkins University
Daniel Zanchettin, Legislative Director of MD State Senator Jill P. Carter

Staff:

William Jernigan, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Sharon Leason, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Mary Abraham, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. William Jernigan welcomed members and introduced Dr. Alan Reid from Johns Hopkins University.

II. Presentation of the evaluation process of MD VIPP programming

Chapter 148 (HB 432) requires that "an evaluation of the efficacy of evidence-based health programs or an evidence-informed health program that receives funding under paragraph (1)(I) of this subsection shall be undertaken by an independent, third-party researcher selected by the council."

The evaluation was conducted by Johns Hopkins University's Center for Research & Reform in Education (CRRE), a research center within the University's School of Education. Dr. Alan Reid, Evaluation Analyst who conducted the VIPP evaluation, provided a presentation on the findings and recommendations to members of the council.

Some of the highlights from Dr. Reid's presentation included the identification of various successes and challenges experienced by the sub-grantees of VIPP funding. Dr. Reid expressed during his presentation that some of the grantees would benefit from the following:

- utilizing databases/tracking systems that will allow them to have ongoing observation of participants that received the services provided by VIPP grantees,
- ensuring leadership of the funded entities were knowledgeable of logic models to enhance program management, implementation, evaluation;
- sharing anecdotal stories/evidence of programmatic successes through social media channels that enhance outreach and recruitment efforts to new participants;
- developing and creating realistic outcome and outputs,
- reducing the response time to engage with those impacted by gun violence;
- and providing ongoing expertise and technical assistance to grantees with intentions to bolster the structures of each program provider.

Dr. Reid shared that some of the grantees expressed a concern regarding access to funding opportunities and he elaborated on how the pandemic and accessibility issues hindered outreach to program participants.

III. VIPP Evaluation Report Q&A and Recommendations

Members inquired if the evaluation report will be provided to the recipients of VIPP funding. Dr. Reid expressed that a separate report may be created for the target audience of sub-grantees to ensure it is beneficial for their purposes. Mr. Jernigan informed council members that the VIPP Evaluation Report will be made publicly available on the Office's website in the near future. The Office wanted to ensure that members had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Reid and approve the report prior to wider dissemination.

Members discussed the need to develop and improve data sharing capacities for sub-grantees and to enhance cross collaboration efforts to better serve those impacted by the issue of gun violence and to improve service delivery by the VIPP sub-grantees. Members also discussed the need to further explore the possibility of creating database systems for sub-grantees, including potentially creating a statewide database to collect and analyze VIPP-specific data. Members acknowledged potential barriers such as confidentiality that will need to be thoroughly explored.

III. Other Business

Mr. Jernigan informed council members that he will no longer be serving at their main point of contact moving forward and that correspondence will be provided to the council informing them

of the new representative from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services that will fulfill Mr. Jernigan's role.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.